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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: July 8, 1954
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SUBJECT: Guatemalan Situation

PARTICIPANTS: Ambassador John E. Peurifoy, Guatemala
Assistant Secretary Henry F. Holland

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Mr. Holland telephoned Ambassador Peurifoy. Ambassador Peurifoy said they are doing a little maneuvering down there. He thinks things are going to work out beautifully. He is sending a cable.

Mr. Holland asked if all the people in the picture were still there, and if anyone had left town. Ambassador Peurifoy said no, but that some people would be leaving soon, but voluntarily. Mr. Holland asked if Colonel Castillo Armas was going to be around and whether he was still there; that we had heard rumors that he had left town. Ambassador Peurifoy said he was still there and that he thought he would be No.1 there.

Mr. Holland asked Ambassador Peurifoy if he had gotten together his thoughts yet on his personnel needs. Ambassador Peurifoy said he had not had time to think about it; said he had gone through a let-down, and has been having other meetings. Said he would think about it and let us have his thoughts on personnel needs on temporary or other basis.

Mr. Holland said we had pulled together some thoughts on the job we think should be done and will try to get a paper out to him today. Ambassador Peurifoy said they would be able to work much better when the Government is set up and organized. Thus far everything has been done on an informal basis.

Ambassador Peurifoy s[illegible] was sending Mr. Holland a letter on another matter. The fourth [illegible]y party took up all their money. More people than were invited or [illegible]t'd showed up.

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